



Alamance-Burlington Schools

PLAN B

BLENDED LEARNING MODEL





PLAN B AT-A-GLANCE

OCTOBER 28, 2020-JANUARY 15, 2021

"We envision Alamance County public school students actively engaged in learning that enables each child to achieve their highest potential. All Alamance County students will learn in safe, modern facilities with exceptional teachers utilizing curriculum that will be a national model for core academic subjects, arts, communication, critical thinking, social skill development, service to others, and enriching extracurricular activities. Our public schools will be led by elected officials, administrators, teachers, parents, students and community leaders dedicated to achieving excellence through open discussion and constant improvement of our children's educations."

- A Vision for Public Education

This is a school year like no other. Alamance-Burlington Schools started the 2020-2021 school year on August 17 under Plan C, an all-remote learning model for students, due to the presence of COVID-19 in our community. We've worked to address the needs and challenges of our school communities and our ABSS staff members during this unprecedented time.

As we approach the beginning of the second 9 weeks of the school year, we are proposing to transition to a Plan B format that will offer two choices for families of students in grades K-8 to consider:

- a blended learning model for K-8 students that combines 2 days of in-person classes each week with 3 days of continued learning at home

OR

- all-remote learning 5 days a week for K-8 students

High school students (grades 9-12) will remain in all-remote learning for the remainder of the first semester (through January 15). The decision to keep our high school schedules in a remote learning format puts our students in the best position to complete credit-bearing courses successfully with their currently assigned teachers by the end of the first semester.

Pre-K students will be able to attend school 5 days a week and Adapted Curriculum students in grades K-12 will follow the cohort schedules.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff remains our top priority. ABSS has implemented the Plan B [health and safety requirements outlined by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services](#). We are following all guidance provided by our Alamance County Health Department. Our schools are prepared to welcome students with reduced class sizes and assigned seating, increased health and hygiene measures such as wearing masks, temperature checks, hand-washing, frequent sanitation, and social distancing. Enhanced cleaning procedures with approved cleaning products and sanitation measures are in place. We are limiting visitors to our campuses during this time; therefore, parent/teacher conferences, discipline conferences, 504, and IEP meetings will be scheduled as remote appointments.

Please review the following Plan B Blended Learning Model information carefully as we work toward preparing for the next phase of our school year.



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Plan B is the next phase of instruction for all ABSS students. For students in grades K-8 this is a blended learning model that includes designated days for synchronous and asynchronous instruction, both in-person and remote only students. At this time, High School students will remain in a remote-only instructional model.

K-8 Students will be grouped into cohorts by their schools:

Cohort A will choose in-person or remote only instruction.

Cohort B will choose in-person or remote only instruction.

Schools will notify families which cohort students are placed in, families will decide if they would like in-person or remote only. Schools will work with families who may need to switch assigned cohorts.

Synchronous means blended teaching and learning that happens in real-time and on a planned schedule.

Asynchronous means blended teaching and learning that happens independently within the learning platform (Google Classroom and Canvas) with feedback occurring during typical school hours.

Elementary Schools synchronous days **7:50am - 2:35pm**











Middle Schools synchronous days **9:30am-4:30pm**

Cohort A Details

Cohort A (in-person) will attend school on the real-time (synchronous) schedule Monday and Tuesday and complete teacher-assigned (asynchronous) remote instruction on Thursday and Friday.

Cohort A (remote only) will participate in remote learning on the real-time (synchronous) schedule Monday and Tuesday and complete teacher-assigned (asynchronous) remote instruction on Thursday and Friday.

Cohort A will participate in synchronous remote instruction with their teachers on Wednesdays on an Early Release schedule (Elementary School 8:00am-12:00pm; Middle School 8:30am-12:30pm).











Cohort A (in-person)	    
Cohort A (remote only)	    

Cohort B Details

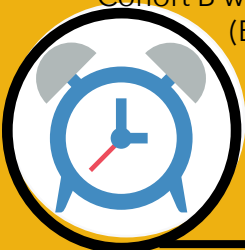
Cohort B (in-person) will complete teacher-assigned (asynchronous) remote instruction on Monday and Tuesday and attend school on the real-time (synchronous) schedule Thursday and Friday.

Cohort B (remote only) will complete teacher-assigned (asynchronous) remote learning on Monday and Tuesday and participate in remote learning on the real-time (synchronous) schedule Thursday and Friday.

Cohort B will receive synchronous remote instruction on Wednesdays with an Early Release schedule (Elementary School 8:00am-12:00pm; Middle School 8:30am-12:30pm).

Cohort B (in-person)	    
Cohort B (remote only)	    

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Families must complete an attestation form stating that they will not send their student to school if they are exhibiting certain symptoms (regardless of their method of arrival).

Elementary School students may not arrive or enter schools prior to 7:15am.

Middle School students will not be allowed to be dropped off or enter schools prior to 8:45am.

Transportation protocols under Plan B require bus riders to be socially distanced on the bus, one student per seat (family members will be allowed to sit together). Everyone must wear a mask while riding any school transportation. Bus riders will complete a health screening before entering the school building.

For information about available before and after school care, reach out to your school directly for details.



For health, safety, and cleaning protocol requirements for all K-12 public schools, please review the [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit](#).

Health screenings (temperature checks) are required before anyone enters the buildings. Everyone on school property will receive a wristband to indicate that they have completed the health screening. Students will proceed directly to their classrooms following the health screenings.

Face coverings will be required for everyone on school property, including students K-12 and all adults. Floor and hallway signage in schools will help everyone follow social distancing guidance. Frequent handwashing and hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the day.



Cleaning protocols will be coordinated around each school's daily classroom routines. ABSS has provided schools with approved cleaning products and has developed cleaning protocols and schedules to meet all state requirements for K-12 public schools. The district's contract cleaning company is hiring an additional disinfectant specialist per school for additional targeted cleaning. All custodial staff have completed training and will increase the frequency of daily cleaning in the school buildings.

Students eating at school will have breakfast and lunch delivered to their classrooms.

The current grab and go meals and bus deliveries will remain in effect through December 31 (USDA waiver expiration date). Families will now have 9 locations to pick up grab and go meals. [Please check the updated website for details.](#)

Water bottles will be provided to students twice daily; water fountains will not be in use in any ABSS buildings.



OCTOBER 2020

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October 26-27.....Teacher Workdays
 October 28 Remote Learning
 October 29, 30 B Cohort

November 2 Report Card
 November 2 A Cohort
 November 3 Non Student Day
 November 4 Remote Learning
 November 5, 6 B Cohort
 November 9, 10 A Cohort
 November 11 Veterans Holiday
 November 12, 13 B Cohort
 November 16, 17 A Cohort
 November 18 Remote Learning
 November 19, 20 B Cohort
 November 23, 24 A Cohort
 November 25-27.....Thanksgiving
 November 30 A Cohort

December 1 A Cohort
 December 2 Remote Learning
 December 3, 4 B Cohort
 December 7, 8 A Cohort
 December 9 Remote Learning
 December 10, 11 B Cohort
 December 14, 15 A Cohort
 December 16 Remote Learning
 December 17, 18 B Cohort
 December 21- 31 Winter Break

January 1 Winter Break
 January 4, 5 A Cohort
 January 6 Remote Learning
 January 7, 8 B Cohort
 January 11, 12 A Cohort
 January 13 Remote Learning
 January 14, 15 B Cohort
 January 18 MLK Holiday
 January 19 Teacher Workday
 January 26 Report Card

- = A Cohort
- = B Cohort
- = Remote Learning
- = Non Student Day